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All persons are by nature free and independent, and have certain natural and unalienable rights, among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty, of acquiring, possessing, and protecting property, and of pursuing and obtaining safety and happiness.

-- Article 1, Section 1, New Jersey State Constitution

Discrimination and a Free Society

By Laurence M. Vance

So, Rand Paul, the Kentucky Republican nominee for the U.S. Senate, is in hot water for disparaging remarks he has made about the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Good for him.

Defenders of liberty should not be intimidated by the enemies of a free society who [attack them] for objecting to certain provisions of the Civil Rights Act.

The fact that some who voted against it were racist doesn't mean that the Civil Rights Act wasn't an unconstitutional expansion of federal power.

The most far-reaching part of the Civil Rights Act is Title II: "Injunctive Relief against Discrimination in Places Public Accommodation." justification used is the commerce clause (Art. I, Sec. 8 of the Constitution) that gives Congress the power "To Commerce with foreign regulate Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes." More evils have resulted from abusing commerce clause than from any other Constitution. of the Congressman Ron Paul has said: "The framers of the Constitution intended the interstate commerce clause to create a free trade zone among the states, not to give the federal government regulatory power over every business that has any connection with interstate commerce."

Title II, SEC. 201.

(a) All persons shall be entitled to the full and equal enjoyment of the goods, services, facilities, and privileges, advantages, and accommodations of any place of public accommodation...without discrimination or segregation on the ground of race,

color, religion, or national origin.

- (b) Each of the following establishments which serves the public is a place of public accommodation ... :
- (1) any inn, hotel, motel, or other establishment which provides lodging to transient guests...
- (2) any restaurant, cafeteria, lunchroom, lunch counter, soda fountain, or other facility principally engaged in selling food for consumption on the premises...
- (3) any motion picture house, theater, concert hall, sports arena, stadium or other place of exhibition or entertainment...

Because Sec. 201 destroyed the rights of private property, freedom of assembly, and freedom of association, free enterprise, and freedom of contract, it was opposed by Congressmen like Barry Goldwater. Although it has been part of federal law for over 45 years, it should still be repudiated by all proponents of liberty and a free society just like the rest of Lyndon Johnson's Great Society programs.

Although the establishments referenced in Title II of the Act offer goods and services to the public, they are all still private businesses (excepting those owned by a municipality, in which case my comments would not apply).

Just as no one has a right to enter my home, so no one should have a right to [force me to provide goods or services].

There should be no distinction between a private home and a private business. In a free society, as Jacob Hornberger has recently pointed out, "a person has the fundamental right to associate with anyone he chooses and on any basis he chooses." In a free society, business owners, like homeowners, would have the right to run their businesses as they choose,

including the right of exclusion. In a free society, everyone would have the right to discriminate in his place of business – yes, discriminate – against male or female, Blacks or Whites, Christians or Jews, Protestants or Catholics, heterosexuals or homosexuals, atheists or theists, obese or anorexic.

The simple truth is that Americans don't live in a free society. We have a government full of statists, authoritarians, and busybodies who want government to impose their values, remake society in their own image, and compel others to associate with people of their choosing.

It's time to stop considering discrimination to be a dirty word.

I prefer Wal-Mart to K-Mart, ketchup to mustard, blue to pink, Chevy to Ford, blonds to brunettes, and Coke to Pepsi. .

By the same token, I may prefer to rent my home to married couples instead of unmarried ones, serve in my restaurant Whites instead of Blacks, allow into my theater heterosexuals instead of homosexuals. The fact that I can't means that the state is violating my rights instead of protecting them.

To say that proponents a free society long for the return of Jim Crow laws is a gross misrepresentation. Jim Crow laws, which banned White businessmen from serving Black customers, are just as wrong as anti-discrimination laws. These government-enforced Jim Crow laws denied the fundamental right of Whites to conduct business with Blacks.

In a free society, discrimination could serve as the mother of innovation and entrepreneurship. If a restaurant is for Whites only, someone can open one for all races or for just Blacks. But discrimination could also function as a

death knell for any business due to bad publicity, boycotts, and too narrow of a market to generate sufficient profits.

In a free society the possibilities are endless. As much as some enemies of liberty don't want to hear it, a truly free society means the freedom to discriminate – against any group for any reason. -http://www.lewrockwell.com/vance/vance205.htm June 5, 2010

U. S. wins the right to abduct innocent people with impunity

By Glenn Greenwald

The Supreme Court today denied a petition of review from Maher Arar, the Canadian and Syrian citizen who was abducted by the U.S. Government at JFK Airport in 2002, held incommunicado for two weeks, and then rendered to Syria, where he spent 10 months being tortured, even though -as everyone acknowledges -- he was guilty of absolutely nothing. Arar sued, and last November the Second Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the dismissal of his lawsuit on the ground that courts have no right to interfere in these decisions of the Executive Branch. That was the decision which the Supreme Court let stand today, ending Arar's attempt to be compensated for what was done to him.

Just compare how the American and Canadian Governments responded to this horrific injustice. The Canadians - who cooperated in Arar's abduction - publicly apologized and announced that Canada would compensate him with \$ 8.5 million.

By stark contrast, the U.S. Government has never acknowledged wrongdoing (though Sec. of State Condoleezza Rice called U.S. conduct in this case "imperfect".) Rather than providing accountability U.S. Government offered a slew of technical arguments to persuade American courts not to hear his case because "state prevented judicial secrets" а adjudication of his claims. The U.S. even barred Arar from the U.S. long after it was acknowledged that he had done nothing wrong, thus preventing him for years from appearing before Congress to talk about what was done to him.

As the Center for Constitutional Rights pointed out: "The Obama administration could have settled the case, recognizing the wrongs done to Mr. Arar as Canada has done. . . . Yet the Obama administration chose to come to the defense of Bush

administration officials, arguing that even if they conspired to send Maher Arar to torture, they should not be held accountable by the judiciary."

So congratulations to the U.S. for winning the right to wrongfully abduct people and send them to their torture with total impunity. What a ringing about our country's willingness to right the wrongs it commits and to provide access to our courts to those whose lives we devastate with our behavior. Andrew Sullivan referred today to "the cult of the inerrant leader": the inability and refusal of our political class to acknowledge wrongdoing, apologize for it, and be held accountable. The Maher Arar case is a pathological illustration of that syndrome. Salon, June 14, 2010

Yuks galore

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will sit in a boat all day, drinking beer.

A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well

Who needs a gun in a National Park?

ESTES PARK - Authorities say a woman was assaulted while jogging in Rocky Mountain National Park Saturday.

The victim, a 20-year-old woman, told police she was running a trail in the area and stopped to take a break when she was attacked by a white male.

The woman fought off the attacker and was later taken to the Estes Park Medical Center, where she was treated for minor injuries and released.

The attack occurred near the Glacier Basin Campground. Rangers performed a containment and increased patrols in the area.

-- KDVR Denver, June 14, 2010

Liberals flunk econ 101

Who is better informed about the policy choices facing the country — liberals, conservatives or libertarians? According to a Zogby International survey in the May issue of Econ Journal Watch, the answer is unequivocal: The left flunks Econ 101.

George Mason University's Dan Klein surveyed 4,835 American adults and asked them to answer eight questions about basic economics and then asked about their political leanings: progressive/very liberal; liberal; moderate; conservative; very conservative; and libertarian

The survey also asked about party affiliation. Those responding Democratic averaged 4.59 incorrect answers. Republicans averaged 1.61 incorrect, and Libertarians 1.26 incorrect.

The findings are based on research that Klein did a few months ago with his co-Columbia University psychologist Zeljka Buturovic. Among other things, they show that thinking like an economist is not correlated to going to college. They also find that it is the highest among those self-identifying as "conservative" and "libertarian," and descends through "moderate," "liberal," and "progressive." Other variables include party affiliation, religious participation, union membership, NASCAR fandom, Walmart and patronage.

-- www.nationalreview.com, summarizing a Wall St. Journal article June 8, 2010

Ed.: the point of the survey, we believe, is not necessarily that liberals are stupid but that they are ignorant of the effects that their economic and tax policies inflict on society.

Large areas of Arizona now part of Mexican narco state

By Kurt Nimmo

If you live in southern Arizona now is the time to move if you can. Mexican drug runners and executioners armed with automatic weapons now control three counties stretching from the border to Phoenix.

"We are outgunned, we are out manned and we don't have the resources here locally to fight this," admitted Pinal County Sheriff Paul Babeu during on news conference last week in Casa Grande.

Night vision cameras have photographed cartel members with military arms delivering drugs to vehicles along Highway 8, according to Borderland Beat.

Last week Fox News reported that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has closed part of the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge on the Arizona border due to the danger posed by Mexican narco terrorists and human smugglers. "Critics say the United States is in effect giving a major strip of the Southwest back to Mexico," Fox reported.

Sheriff Babeu said an ambush

In the beginning of change the patriot is a scarce man, brave, hated and scorned. When his cause succeeds, however, the timid join him, for then it costs nothing to be a patriot. – Mark Twain

last month mirrored military tactics. Five weeks ago Deputy Louie Puroll was ambushed and shot as he tracked six drug smugglers.

"Babeu said he doesn't believe the drug cartel problems will be solved when SB 1070 becomes a law, or with President Obama's promise of 1,200 troops spread out among four border states," notes Borderland Beat.

On June 18, 2010, Arizona Republican Senator Jon Kyl told an audience at a North Tempe Tea Party town hall meeting that during a private, one-on-one meeting with Obama in the Oval Office he was told that if he was to secure the border, Republicans would have no reason to support "comprehensive immigration reform," in other words the legalization of illegal aliens currently in the country.

Southern Arizona is now unofficially part of the Mexican narco state. Obama does not plan to address the problem because he intends to use it as a political football in order to push through legislation to legalize millions of people who have entered the country illegally, go on welfare rolls, and bankrupt many states.

Addendum. A number of people have offered to help the police take back the state from narco terrorists. In response, the Pinal County Sheriff's Office issued the following press release:

The Sheriff's Office is appreciative of the offers which have come from so many patriotic and concerned citizens who are willing to come to Pinal County Arizona at their own expense and put themselves at our disposal to assist in enforcement and apprehension efforts.

We are not in a position to accept such offers due to a variety of reasons

The Sheriff's Office is involved in a number of cooperative interdiction and enforcement efforts with local, state and federal agencies with the goal of gaining and maintaining control of the known smuggling corridors within Pinal County.

The presence of well-meaning citizens in the area of operation would raise the potential of a 'friendly fire' or a mistaken encounter with friendly forces scenario, in which enforcement personnel assigned to the area may not recognize a patriotic citizen in a volatile or high-stress situation.

Our Pinal County Sheriff Paul Babeu has been an outspoken leader on this issue. Two months ago, Sheriff Babeu stood with 10 local Police Chiefs and Senator McCain in calling on President Obama to immediately deploy 3,000 soldiers to secure our Arizona border. The President announced the deployment of only 1,200 three weeks ago and there is still no action. We must deploy armed soldiers, build the double barrier fence and end catch and release.

Once again, thank you for your patriotism.

Steve Henry, Chief Deputy, Pinal County Sheriffs Office

Meanwhile, armed citizens have ignored the Deputy and plan to confront the narco terrorists. From Weasel Zippers:: PINAL COUNTY, AZ — A group of citizens plans to arm themselves with heavy weaponry and patrol the Vekol Valley area of Pinal County, looking for drug smugglers entering the country. They plan to conduct their patrol operation from 3:00pm Saturday to 3:00pm Sunday.

"We're going to block off the narcoterrorists that come up through this area," said Mesa resident Jason "J.T." Ready, who is organizing the gathering.

Ready says volunteers are coming from all over Arizona, and even out of state, to support the effort. "This is the Minuteman Project on steroids," Ready explained. "We've got people with assault weapons. We will use lawful, deadly force where appropriate."

-- www.infowars.com, June 21, 2010

Muslim Student Union suspended over protest

By Steven Emerson, Investigative Project on Terrorism

The University of California, Irvine suspended its Muslim Student Union (MSU) for a year after a school investigation concluded the group organized disruptions of a February 8 speech by Israeli Ambassador Michael Oren, then lied about it.

In a 14-page letter dated May 27, UCI Housing Senior Executive Director Lisa Cornish reported that the investigation found that MSU violated four student policies involving dishonesty, obstructing disciplinary procedures, disorderly conduct and "participation in a disturbance of the peace of unlawful assembly."

Oren's remarks were interrupted at least 10 times by students who blasted him as a murderer and a war criminal. He briefly suspended his talk, resuming it only after school officials tried to restore order.

The MSU is a chapter of the Muslim Students Association, a national organization founded in 1963 by Muslim Brotherhood members who came to the U.S. for college education.

UCI administrators received copies of MSU emails in an anonymous mailing in early April. One included a "game plan," describing where the student disruptors would sit, how they would communicate via text messaging, and what to do if their fellow protesters were arrested.

Yet MSU officials stuck to their denials [of involvement] when reporters asked what happened.

MSU President Mohamed Abdelgany wrote on a website created to support the arrested students that, "all of my actions on Monday were done out of my own individual accord and were not on behalf of the Muslim Student Union or any other organization at UC Irvine."

UCI's investigation concluded that "the disruptions were planned, orchestrated and coordinated by the Muslim Student Union." It cited a February 3 meeting during which the goal of sending Oren a message "that he knows that he can't just go to a campus and say whatever he wants" were discussed.

The investigation was conducted by a panel of school officials "who have had no prior issues with the group," said school spokeswoman Cathy Lawhon.

Hussam Ayloush, director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations' Los Angeles office, told the Orange County Register that the punishment will be appealed. He called the suspension "unprecedented, heavy-handed and draconian," adding: "It appears to be politically motivated to silence any future peaceful and legitimate criticism of Israel's global practices."

In her letter, Cornish said MSU members invoked their Fifth Amendment right against selfincrimination in response to her questions. She also detailed the many instances during the event in which school officials warned those disrupting students to stop. Those warnings include Chancellor Michael Drake's statement that: "We cannot, we will not, we do not tolerate disruptions of academic freedom of the type that have occurred here earlier today. We cannot as a university exist with that type of behavior. It is antithetical to everything that we stand for and everything that we are. There is no university without a free exchange of ideas."

-- <u>www.nationalwriterssyndicate</u>, June 14, 2010

Gun grabbers sell membership list for cash

As Americans increasingly turn away from gun control, the leading gun control group has been forced to sell its membership list to raise money.

While NRA membership nears 4 million, the anti-gun Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence has just over 50,000 members.

This was discovered by gun rights blogger Joe Huffman who found that the Brady Campaign was selling its membership list for direct mail marketing (http://lists.netmark.com).

As Huffman points out, 50,000 is far below the "about half a million members" that Michael D. Barnes, then Brady president, claimed in a 2004 interview.

Either Barnes misspoke or the Brady Campaign has lost 450,000 members in the last six years.

In my recent article, The tide turns in the battle for gun rights as the Brady Campaign withers away, I noted that donations to the Brady Voter Education PAC dropped from \$1.7 million raised in the 2000 election cycle to just over \$15,000 raised in the 2008 election cycle.

The Brady PAC distributes funds to political candidates to influence elections.

While the PAC is only part of the Brady Campaign, its financial health does give in an indication of the overall health of the organization. Although times are tough for the gun grabbers, the fight for gun rights is not over. Now is the time for gun rights activists to work even harder to increase our gains and show that we will not stand for efforts to further infringe on our 2nd Amendment rights.

-- Rob Reed, Detroit Gun Rights Examiner, June 11, 201

U.S. Supreme Court nominee Kagan saddened by the decline of socialism

A coherent socialist movement is nowhere to be found in the United States.... Conformity overrides dissent; the desire to conserve has overwhelmed the urge to alter. Such a state of affairs cries out for explanation. Why, in a society by no means perfect...did the socialist movement never become an alternative to the nation's established parties?

...Historians have often called attention to various...societal traits— an ethnically divided working class, a relatively fluid class structure, an economy which allowed at least some workers to enjoy what Sombart termed

"reefs of roast beef and apple pie" -[that] prevented the early twentieth century socialists from attracting an immediate mass following. Such conditions did not, however, completely checkmate American socialism. Between 1901 and 1918, the Socialist Party established itself as a visiblealbeit a minor-political organization. Its growth, although not dramatic, was steady and sure; its outlook on the future was decidedly optimistic. Yet after World War I, this expanding and confident movement almost entirely collapsed. Conditions of American society will not explain such a phenomenon: we must look further to find the causes of U.S. socialism's demise.

... New York [City] may suggest a solution to this critical problem. Here, the disintegration of the Socialist Party in 1919 and the socialist trade-union movement in the late 1920s represented but the culmination of a decades-long process of internal decay [as] sectarianism and dissension ate away at its core. Substantial numbers of SP members expressed deep and abiding dissatisfaction with the brand of reform socialism advocated by the party's leadership....How, these revolutionaries angrily demanded, could the SP hope to attract workers if it did not ... proffer an enduring and radiant ideal? How, the constructivists angrily replied, could the SP hope to attract workers if it did not promise them immediate benefits? The debate raged fiercely, but it did not rage alone. The needle-trades unions ... perceived the strike as their most powerful weapon. Socialist union leaders, on the other hand... hesitated to stake their powerful organizations on the outcome of a walkout.

... For a brief time during World War I, the socialists of New York achieved unity during their common fight against the war effort... But the socialists' unity was a precarious truce between two sworn enemies. That both the Socialist Party and the socialist trade-union movement disintegrated under the pressure of the Russian Revolution is not surprising....

Through its own internal feuding, then, the SP exhausted itself forever and further reduced labor radicalism in New York to the position of marginality and insignificance from which it has never recovered. The story is a sad but also a chastening one for those who, more than half a century after socialism's decline, still wish to change America. Radicals have often succumbed to the devastating bane of sectarianism; it is easier, after all, to fight one's fellows than it is to battle an

entrenched and powerful foe. Yet if the history of Local New York shows anything, it is that American radicals cannot afford to become their own worst enemies. In unity lies their only hope.

-- Conclusion of Elena Kagan's senior thesis "To the Final Conflict: Socialism in New York City, 1900-1933", submitted April 15, 1981 to Princeton University for the Bachelor of Arts degree

The Cloward-Piven strategy of manufactured crisis

1966 – Socialists Richard Cloward and Frances Piven introduce their strategy to "collapse" government by overwhelming it with demands for public services.

1966 – Cloward helps activist George Wiley found the National Welfare Rights Organization (NWRO) which swells welfare rolls across the country, leading to the bankruptcy of New York City in 1975.

1970 - NWRO veteran and SDS radical Wade Rathke co-founds Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN), to apply the Cloward-Piven strategy to all domestic policy issues, especially housing, voting and illegal immigrant rights.

1991 – Barack Obama runs ACORN's subsidiary Project Vote! to help elect Carol Moseley Braun to the U.S. Senate

Key organizations.

Communist Party USA founded in Chicago in 1919

Students for a Democratic Society, 1960s. Led by early Communists' offspring. Key members: Bill Ayers (former Weatherman bomber), Wade Rathke, Carl Davidson, Aryed Neier

Industrial Areas Foundation. Saul Alinsky's radical community organizing training school. AIF graduates trained Obama in Alinsky's tactics.

New Party, early 1990s. Formed by ACORN and Democratic Socialists of America. Instrumental in Obama's Illinois State Senate campaign victory

Woods Fund and Chicago Annenberg Challenge. Obama recruited by Ayers to chair Boards. Obama funds ACORN through Woods Fund, Ayers' projects through CAC.

Open Society Institute. Funded by leftwing billionaire George Soros. Led by SDS founder Aryeh Neier. OSlfunded organizations Moveon.org, NARAL/NOW, Media Matters supported Obama presidential campaign.

-- "Barack Obama and the Strategy of Manufactured Crisis," by James Simpson, *American Thinker*, September 28, 2008

UN pushes wealth redistribution agenda

By Joseph A. Klein

The United Nations wants industrial countries to fund wealth redistribution programs known as Millennium Development Goals (MDG) which aim to reduce poverty, hunger, maternal and child deaths, disease, inadequate shelter, gender inequality and environmental degradation, all by 2015.

At the latest Group of 20 meeting UN Secretary General Ban Kimoon, emphasizing the importance of MDGs said, "Under any circumstances we must not balance budgets on the backs of the world's poorest people."

The UN has established a "MDG Advocacy Group" in preparation for the September summit in New York. The co-chairmen, Prime Minister of Spain Jose Luis Zapatero and President Paul Kagame of Rwanda are to help in "building political will and mobilizing global action to ... achieve the Goals by the 2015 target date."

Zapatero is a committed socialist. Kagame, according to the *Economist*, "allows less political space and press freedom at home than Robert Mugabe does in Zimbabwe."

U.S. members include the progressive economist Jeffrey Sachs and Ted Turner, a self-described "socialist at heart." Hopefully, Bill Gates will provide some balance.

The UN's redistributionist philosophy is confirmed by a UN Development Programme report of June 17, 2010 entitled "What Will It Take To Achieve The Millennium Development Goals?" Suggestions include an international finance tax and "levies on international maritime transport and on air travel, and developing a uniform global tax on carbon dioxide emissions (with a per capita exemption for lowincome countries)."

The UN is pushing developed countries to give away 0.7 percent of its gross national income. By 2015 the U.S. would have to pay more than \$100 billion for development assistance. By 2015 the Congressional Budget Office projects that the total debt held by the public as a percentage of the GDP will be a whopping 65.4 percent!

Barack Obama in 2008 sponsored legislation in the Senate that would have the U.S. contribute hundreds of billions of dollars to this

cause. As a presidential candidate, Obama said that "I'll double our foreign assistance to \$50 billion by 2012, and use it to support a stable future in failing states, and sustainable growth in Africa; to halve global poverty and to roll back disease." There is no indication that Obama has backed off this commitment.

Focusing on money alone as the solution to the problems besetting poor countries overlooks the tribal, racial, religious and ethnic divisions that have spawned killing fields there. Real progress cannot happen until the slaughter stops.

Ironically, in the UN's own Millennium Development Goals Report released with great fanfare June 23, 2010, recognized the limitations of foreign aid in solving all development problems, admitting for example, that "In many countries, educating girls is widely perceived as being of less value than educating boys."

Simply throwing good money after bad does not solve complex social and political problems. So-called "Robin Hood" taxes and other redistributionist schemes will end up having the same detrimental result as we are witnessing now in left-leaning countries like Greece and Spain. Incredibly, Spain's prime minister is now co-chairing the MDG Advocacy Group, carrying with him the same fatally flawed philosophy to the world stage.

Given President Obama's proclivities for unrestrained social spending and wealth redistribution, we will likely be falling into this same trap.

-- Canada Free Press, June 29, 2010

Wyoming suspends gun show taxes

CHEYENNE - The Wyoming Department of Revenue has suspended sales tax collections from gun shows because of increasing animosity toward the state's field tax agents.

Dan Noble, director of the department's excise tax division, said Friday that resistance from gun show sponsors and participants has been a recurring problem statewide.

Tax representatives attend the shows and ask the sponsors to distribute tax forms to the sellers who, in turn, are required to collect and remit sales tax to the Department of Revenue.

Noble said the "climate" has changed and some of the gun show people are "fairly extreme." Noble said the problem has been statewide.

Anthony Bouchard, executive director of the Wyoming Gun

Owners' Association, said that the state shouldn't charge sales tax on gun and ammunition sales because of the Second Amendment right to bear arms.

John Wise, director of the Pine Bluffs Shooting Association, and identifying himself as a "Tea Partier and damned proud of it," said during the April gun show at Pine Bluffs a participant got into a confrontation with a state sales tax representative. The tax agent called for backup from the Pine Bluffs Police Department.

A police report said only that there was a disturbance at the gun show and that one person, a man, was escorted from the building.

Bouchard said he will personally work on legislation to exempt gun show sales from the state's sales tax.

Noble said he plans to contact local representatives of the National Rifle Association to see if they have any recommendation on how to avoid these problems. Since other states are having the same problem, Noble said he will contact them as well.

-- Casper Star-Tribune, July 3, 2010

It's time for "in your face" tactics

The liberal social engineers, and their political shills, have fed their lapdogs in the Mainstream Media the "gun control" party line.

For generations it has poisoned the American consciousness. Without the sophisticated brainwashing agenda of NBC, CBS, ABC, and the "educational" PBS, the socialist proponents of citizen disarmament would have long ago been crushed and defeated.

To aid in the goal of destroying "gun control", JPFO has prepared three versions of a placard (and handbill about the anti-gun control documentary "No Guns for Negroes") that are aimed directly at the soft underbelly of the media. These are purposely designed to be used at gun shows, Tea Party rallies, or any form of demonstration that seeks to send a hard core rebuttal to those who smear gun owners as racists.

During rallies, make sure you shove the placard in the face of everyone holding a camera. We never know when that image might turn up on the news or go viral. See our free pdf files of the placards and handbills at www.jfpo.org. Many print shops can expand these files up to size 18" x 24".

The goal? To bring millions of eyes and ears to the irrefutable historical facts presented in the

landmark documentary made possible by JPFO supporters.

Go here to view a free download of "No Guns for Negroes" - http://www.jpfo.org/filegen-n-z/ngn-download-view.htm

Do your part today to destroy "gun control".

With the Obama Administration's determination to bring our gun rights under more government control and Jewish politicians all too eager to help, you are going to need the intellectual ammo this film will provide.

-- Alert dated June 7, 2010, from Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership

NRA willing to sell out First amendment

The cynical decision this week by House Democrats to exempt the National Rifle Association from the latest campaign finance regulatory scheme reveals the true purpose of the perversely named Disclose Act (H.R. 5175): namely, to silence congressional critics in the 2010 elections.

The NRA "carve-out" [exempting organizations ten years or older with more than a million members scattered throughout all 50 states and that don't receive more than 15% of its income from corporations] reaffirms the wisdom of the First Amendment's precise language: "Congress shall make no law . . . abridging the freedom of speech."

Congress can't help itself. Since 1798, with the Alien and Sedition Acts, incumbent politicians have yearned for legal duct tape for their opponents' mouths. The Disclose Act is a doozy of a muzzle.

For its part, the NRA -- on whose board of directors I serve -- rather than holding steadfastly to its historic principles of defending the Constitution and continuing its noble fight against government regulation of political speech instead opted for a political deal borne of self-interest in exchange for "neutrality" from the legislation's requirements. In doing so,

the NRA has, sadly, affirmed the notion that First Amendment protections are subject to negotiation. The Second Amendment surely cannot be far behind.

Since the court's January decision in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* that corporations cannot be constitutionally prohibited from making independent candidate-related expenditures, Democrats have been hyperventilating at the notion that corporations might spend millions of dollars criticizing them.

Democrats would effectively neuter the court's decision by myriad rules that the NRA described as "byzantine" and an "arbitrary patchwork of reporting and disclosure requirements."

The NRA's wheel-squeaking bought it an exemption from those requirements. Tea Party organizations arising spontaneously since 2009? Out of luck. Online organizations with large e-mail followings but perhaps no formal dues structure? Forget it.

The NRA carve-out is a clear example of a congressional speech license.

It is only disclosure, say the authors. And box-cutters are only handy household tools . . . until they are used by terrorists to crash airplanes.

This is not just "disclosure." It is a scheme hatched by political insiders to eradicate disfavored speech. There is no room under the First Amendment for Congress to make deals on political speech, whether with the NRA or anyone else.

The writer, Cleta Mitchell, is a partner at Foley & Lardner who works in campaign finance law and is a member of the NRA's board of directors.

-- Washington Post, June 17, 2010

The NRA's response

We appreciate some NRA members' concerns about our position on H.R. 5175, the "DISCLOSE Act." Unfortunately, critics of our position have misstated or misunderstood the facts.

We didn't "sell out" to Nancy Pelosi or anyone else. We told

Congress we opposed the bill. As a result, congressional leaders made a commitment to exempt us from its draconian restrictions on free speech. If that commitment is honored, we will not be involved in the final House debate. If that commitment is not fully honored, we will strongly oppose the bill.

Our position is based on principle and experience. During consideration of the previous campaign finance legislation passed in 2002, congressional leadership repeatedly refused to exempt the NRA from its provisions, promising that our concerns would be fixed somewhere down the line. That didn't happen; instead, the NRA had to live under those restrictions for seven years and spend millions of dollars on compliance costs and on legal fees to challenge the law. We will not go down that road again when we have an opportunity to protect our ability to speak.

There are those who say the NRA has a greater duty to principle than to gun rights. It's easy to say we should put the Second Amendment at risk over some so-called First Amendment principle - unless you have a sworn duty to protect the Second Amendment above all else, as we do.

The NRA is a bipartisan, single-issue organization made up of millions of individual members dedicated to the protection of the Second Amendment. We do not represent the interests of other organizations. That's their responsibility. Our responsibility is to protect and defend the interests of our members. And that we do without apology.

Should you have any further questions or concerns please feel free to contact us again at any time.

Sincerely,

Michael Land

NRA-ILA Grassroots Division

A strict observance of the written law is doubtless one of the high duties of a good citizen, but it is not the highest. The laws of necessity, of self-preservation, of saving our country when in danger, are of higher obligation. --Thomas Jefferson

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